GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2553
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DEVELOPMENT OF WASTELAND
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes introduced by the Government for the development of wasteland in the country, State-wise/UT-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years and the funds remained unspent; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the implementation of land reforms in Bihar and distribution of wasteland amongst landless farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) The details of major Schemes introduced by the Government for the development of wastelands in the country, State-wise and U.T.-wise are given in the Annexure.

(b) The details of Budget Estimate, RevisedEstimate and Actual Expenditure under the three major programmes during the last 3 years are given as under:-

YEAR	IWDP	DPAP	DDP (Rs. in Crores)
1997-98			
Budget Estimate	74.50	115.00	70.00
Revised Estimate	50.00	100.75	70.00
Actual Expenditure	53.95	100.75	70.00
1998-99			
Budget Estimate	82.10	95.00	90.00
Revised Estimate	62.10	73.00	80.00
Actual Expenditure	62.00	73.00	79.80
1999-2000			
Budget Estimate	82.00	95.00	85.00
Revised Estimate	82.00	95.00	85.00
Actual Expenditure	83.07	94.99	85.00

(c) Various land reforms programmes of the States including those of Bihar are reviewed from time to time at various fora including conferences of Chief Ministers, RevenueMinisters and Revenue Secretaries. As per information received from the State Government

of Bihar, an area of 13.21 lakhs acres of Government wastelands have been distributed to the eligible landless farmers till December,1999.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2553 due for reply on 08-08-2000.

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	Name of States/UT
1.	Integrated Wastelands Development Programme(IWDP)	All States and UTs.
2.	Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP)	Identified blocks in 13 States namely :- Andhra Pradesh,Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh,Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa,Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
3.	Desert Development Programme (DDP)	Identified blocks in 7 States namely:- Andhra Pradesh,Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh,Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka and Rajasthan.